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1. A night exercise of a VP unit of about battalion strength was observed near Gotha (M 51/J 06) in early March 1950. The unit was equipped with machine guns, AT guns and field guns. The artillery pieces were moved into position by trucks.
2. A VP convoy of about 50 motorcycles and numerous trucks was observed near Borna (M 52/K 39) in mid-March 1950. Trucks were mounted by police armed with submachine guns.

Comment:

It is known from previous reports that, in order to be fully motorized, VP Bereitschaften had to use motor vehicles from Maschinenausgleichstationen (EAS-communal motor pools).

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